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On July 20th, at Kuling, to Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. E. TAYLOR, a son.

On July 24th, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR EVELSON, a son.

On July 26th, at the Chartered Bank House, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE MILLER, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

On July 24th, at Shanghai, THOMAS DANIEL, second son of C. O. GRAM, formerly of the Customs Service, Shanghai, to BARRA BARRA, eldest daughter of Geo. PEARSON, of the China Merchants' S. N. Co.

DEATH.

On July 1st, at South Kensington, London, JOHN GEORGE BARKER, late of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VOEUX ROAD C
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, August 3rd 1909.

Misfortunes still crowd upon unhappy Spain. Not only has the fighting with the Moors so far resulted in nothing but a succession of disasters, but the unpopularity of the war has grown to such an extent that it has found angry expression in riots and street fighting which have had to be quelled by the artillery, who have been responsible for a death roll which has not been equalled by some of the recent sanguinary encounters in which the forces of Spain have been worsted. The outlook is far from hopeful. Martial law has been proclaimed practically throughout the country, but what is perhaps the most significant of all the news items which have filtered through from Madrid is that the Queen and the Dowager-Queen have retired into France, indicating that there is a feeling of uneasiness as to what may happen with the people in such a

temper as they apparently are in at present. Though the telegraphic information tells of the growing unpopularity of the war, it is still strangely silent as to the reason for this. As we remarked before, it might have been expected that national pride would have insisted on the hostilities which have broken out between Spain and Morocco being pursued with a vigour necessary to ensure the success of the Spanish arms and the maintenance of Spanish prestige, and we suggested as an explanation either that the Government had lost the confidence of the country or that the people were not convinced that the possessions belonging to Spain in North Africa were worth the cost of maintaining, with the single exception, perhaps, of Ceuta. But from information derived from other sources we have reason to believe that a lack of confidence in the present administration is not the cause which has given rise to so many forceful expressions of disapproval of the present campaign. Neither is the opposition to the war based on any sentimental foundation that war is wrong. The explanation is simply that the people prefer peace to war. Since their unfortunate experiences of last century they have learned a little of the advantages of industrialism. A serious attempt to develop the resources of the country has resulted in new enterprises being established, industries have sprung up in many parts of the country, and the populace, becoming conscious of the ensuing prosperity, are naturally averse to the Government embarking on a course of action which is likely to take them from peaceful avocations. This is the crux of the whole problem. No war of any magnitude—and it is apparent that the present fighting is more serious than was at first anticipated—can be waged without augmenting the peace establishment of the army. In time of peace Spain's standing army does not amount to more than 100,000, but when war is threatened conscription is applied, and that number is doubled, while, if necessary, the reserves can be called out, giving another 100,000. Now we see that 75,000 reinforcements are demanded for the troops in Melilla, which means that men will have to be drawn from their various employments to bear arms. As the people have no reason to look back on recent wars in which Spain was engaged with any feeling of pride, they show little enthusiasm over any military enterprise; but when added to that they have learned to enjoy the blessings of peace and to reap the advantages of a growing industrialism and a revival of trade, their present attitude does not seem quite so inexplicable. Some might see in this a happy augury for the future. They might regard it as a harbinger of that happy era when the men of one nation will cease to fight the men of another whom they do not know, and with whom they have no personal quarrel. But the time anticipated by CARLIE has not yet arrived, and the wisdom of the present day having decreed that men must be prepared to bear arms in the service of their country when called upon, it is not improbable that Spain will have to make her sons realize that while enjoying the blessings of peace they must ever remember that the best guarantee for peace is preparedness for war.

The new harbour light situated on Signal Hill, Kowloon, was in operation for the first time on Sunday night.

A costly scheme to provide Bangkok with a water supply has received the Royal sanction. It is expected that the works will be completed by November 1912.

Sir Robert Hart, writing to the officials of the Portland Methodist Church, states that his health is far from good and his plans for returning to China in July have been upset.

At a recent meeting of the Kulanang (Amoy) Municipal Council, the agreement of the Secretary and Capt. Supt. of Police was renewed for a further period of three years, from the 1st June, 1909, at a salary of \$350 per month.

A Fiamese Royal decree orders a census of the Kingdom to be taken. The responsible ministers are also directed to make arrangements for the registration of births and deaths, and for the registration of immigrants and emigrants.

Various gentlemen in Shanghai, having the interests of the Navy League at heart, have privately subscribed the sum of \$328, the amount of the overdraft at the Chartered Bank, upon the distinct understanding that the money will be devoted towards liquidating the debt with the Bank.

While the occupants of house No. 125, Nullah Lane, Wanchai, were absent yesterday a thief broke the lock of the front door, entered and was departing with a box of clothing when one of the inmates returned. The thief was unsuccessful in his attempt to escape, and on appearing before Mr. F. A. Hazell at the Magistrate's yesterday he was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment and six hours' stocks.

The death is announced at Home of Major-General Wilson-Black, who was commander of the forces in Hongkong about ten years ago. His body was cremated at Golders' Green.

Sir Matthew Nathan, the Governor of Natal and formerly Governor of Hongkong, while driving on the 8th ult. was thrown out of his carriage as the result of a collision with a wagon. His Excellency sustained some slight injuries. The accident appears to have taken place in London.

The new premises which have been erected for Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company at the corner of Pedder Street and Des Voeux Road are nearing completion. The new structure, which is decidedly handsome and a welcome addition to the architectural beauties of the city, is certainly worthy of the traditions of the "princely house."

A sad fatality was reported to the police at Hongkong on Saturday. A Chinese schoolboy on his way home stopped to have a swim in a pond. He was the only bother, and apparently he got beyond his depth, for when his uncle went in search of him later he found his clothes and school books on the bank, and the lifeless body of his nephew in the water.

More than 30,000 Chinese have been received into Church fellowship by the China Inland Mission since its commencement in 1866, and of these more than 21,000 still remain. Of the number 2,507 were received last year. The C.I.M. has 928 missionaries, 210 central stations, 760 outstations, 970 chapels, eight hospitals, 42 dispensaries, 83 opium refuges, and more than 200 day and boarding schools, with about 4,000 scholars.

Under the heading "Hongkong Spared," the Manila *Cochin* of Thursday last says: "Contrary to all the expectations of the Weather Bureau and to the very general rule of the road followed by typhoons, the storm that was expected to pass by the archipelago and strike Hongkong on Tuesday night failed to fulfil expectations, but made a reserve about nine o'clock and returned to the Philippines, staying all day and making it look as though a new centre of depression had been created."

Messrs. Wm. G. Hale and Co., the well-known rice exporting firm of Saigon, say in their latest circular dated the 23rd ult.: "The few sales effected to Java and the Philippines during the past week at ruling prices have tended to advance our market to no small degree. In expectation of a strong demand from these directions millers are now adopting a cautious policy, and are only open to contract at limits which buyers are reluctant to pay for the present. At the close our market shows indication of being well able to maintain prices."

The American Ambassador entertained last dinner at Dorchester House on the 7th ult. the British, American, French, and German representatives of the group of bankers in each country who were in London for the purpose of settling the terms of participation in the loan to China for the Hankow-Szechuan Railway. Great Britain was represented by Mr. William Keswick, M.P., Mr. Carl Mayer, and Mr. C. S. Addis; France by Mr. Armand and Herr Rohders; Germany by Herr Urbig and Herr Rohders; and America by Mr. Edward Grenfell, Mr. Otto H. Kahn, and Mr. W. D. Straight.

Mr. F. S. A. Bourne, Mrs. Bourne and Miss Bourne left Shanghai for Home by the E.M.S. *Empress of India*. A very large number of friends were present on the jetty to bid them farewell, and many good wishes follow them for a pleasant holiday. Mr. Bourne has been Acting Judge of H.M. Supreme Court for China and Korea since May, 1908, and he has been very hard-worked especially during the past six months. His home leave for one year fell due at the beginning of the month. Mr. Lindsey Smith, who with Mrs. Lindsey Smith have just arrived at Shanghai, will be Acting Judge of H.M. Supreme Court for the present.

Perhaps the next mining excitement in the Philippines, says a Manila contemporary, will be an oil boom. Up to the present time considerable exploring has been carried on in a quiet way, and some wells have been drilled to shallow depths with encouraging results. Very little information concerning the oil finds has thus far reached the public, but there is no reason for holding it back, since there is room for everybody in the field. Dr. George I. Adams, geologist of the Division of Mines, has just returned from a reconnaissance in the Tayabas Peninsula and has brought back samples of the oil which were collected with special care for the purpose of analysis in the laboratory of the Bureau of Science.

It is a notorious fact, says the *Saint Paul*, that in former days Korean officials used to embezzle part of the taxes paid in by the people. In April last a law was promulgated for the adjustment of the loss caused to the Treasury in this way and also for the prevention of embezzlement in future. The Government has since been investigating the matter and is said to have discovered that during the 12 years between 1895 and 1907 as much as three million yen have gone astray, about three thousand Korean officials being responsible for this. To their great consternation, the Government has now demanded of those officials, against whom there is clear evidence, the repayment of their misappropriations. Already over 100 officials, including some of high rank, have been informed of the Government's determination and have promised to make good the shortage, which amounts to about 300,000 yen altogether. Those unable to pay the whole amount at once will be allowed to do so by yearly instalments extending over eight years.

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THE JOHORE PIRACY DEATH SENTENCES QUASHED.

SINGAPORE, August 2nd.

A specially convened Appeal Court at Singapore has quashed the death sentences passed upon the Johore pirates and condemned them to penal servitude for life.

The ground on which the Court based its decision was that the crime was committed outside the Territorial waters of the Colony, and that both the victims and the perpetrators of the crime were the subjects of a Foreign Power.

GREAT FIRE AT OSAKA.

20,000 HOUSES DESTROYED.

TOYO, August 2nd.

A quarter of the city of Osaka has been destroyed by fire which broke out at daybreak on Saturday through the upsetting of an oil lamp in a small factory.

The flames spread with fearful rapidity and swept over the centre of the city, destroying the Courts of Appeal, the Town Hall, several large business offices and factories and about twenty thousand houses.

Thousands of people have been rendered homeless and the mortality is high, but the number of deaths has not yet been ascertained.

[REUTERS SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS"]

THE AMERICAN TARIFF.

LONDON, August 2nd.

The House of Representatives at Washington has adopted the Conference Tariff by 195 votes to 173. These figures have evoked Republican demonstrations.

AUTHORITY TRIUMPHS IN BARCELONA.

LONDON, August 2nd.

Authority has clearly triumphed at Barcelona, which is becoming quiet. Official reports state that order has been restored in the disturbed districts of Catalonia, Aragon, and Vizcaya.

THE CASUALTY LIST.

Barcelona is settling down again to its normal state.

Whole quarters of the city were razed by the recent artillery fire. The Captain-General estimates that 1,000 were killed and 2,500 are in the hospitals.

TURKEY AND CRETE.

LONDON, August 2nd.

News from Constantinople states that Turkish resentment in regard to Crete is strained to danger point.

The Porte has protested to the Powers to the effect that the hoisting of the flag has strengthened Turkish public opinion.

Stronger steps are considered imminent.

BRITISERS IN PASIG JAIL FOR ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION.

INTERVENTION OF H. M. CONSUL.

The difficulty the bureau of justice has to deal with in the appointment of justices of the peace capable of fulfilling the position was made evident on Sunday in the action of the justice of the peace of Pasig, who imposed a bail of P2,000 apiece upon four Britishers who were arrested by the police and charged with attempted assassination because an automobile in which they were riding struck and injured a native who accidentally jumped in the track of the machine in an attempt to escape from it. A party of four Britishers were on pleasure bent and were returning from Montalban when the accident occurred within the limits of Pasig. They rendered all assistance possible and even reported the case to the police at the station and were arrested for their pains. They were held in the municipal jail for seven hours for lack of bondsmen, but when able to communicate with their Consul their cause was at once taken up and they were released.—*Cable News-American.*

LOCAL SPORT.

LAWN BOWLS.

Progress is being made with the arrangements for a lawn bowls championship of the Colony, all the four bowling clubs having indicated their approval of the scheme.

CROQUET.

The Kowloon Bowling Club is responsible for the great interest which has been awakened in this game in the Colony. Already two competitions—mixed doubles and gentlemen's doubles—have been played on this ground, and now a championship competition is under weigh.

AT THE MAGISTRACY.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistrate's yesterday twenty-four natives were fined \$4 each for gambling at Shaikwan.

A coolie who was arrested while endeavouring to force an entrance into 175, Queen's Road Central was charged before Mr. F. A. Hazell at the Magistrate's yesterday with having house-breaking implements in his possession. He was found guilty and sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour and six hours' stocks.

A native appeared before Mr. F. A. Hazell at the Magistrate's yesterday on the charge of attempting to stow away to Australia by the s.s. *Taiyuan*. On the evidence he was found guilty and ordered to pay a fine of \$150, the alternative being three months' imprisonment.

OPIUM SELLER'S SCARE.

On Sunday the keeper of an opium divan dashed into the Central Police Station and in a few minutes had told Inspector Fenton three different stories of a robbery with violence which he alleged had occurred in his divan. From all that he had been told the inspector on duty gathered that six men had presented themselves at the divan, and while one had purchased an amount of opium the rest had departed with \$27 which they had extracted from the till. Detective-Sergeant Appleton was despatched to make inquiries, and that officer discovered that nothing more than a free fight had taken place in the divan, and that the participants had rapidly made themselves scarce.

OBSTRUCTION AND ATTEMPTED BRIBERY.

Before Mr. F. A. Hazell at the Magistrate's yesterday a hawk was charged with causing an obstruction at Wanchai, and with attempted bribery. When arrested by a loking it appears that some Chinese women told the defendant to pay the policeman twenty cents and all would be well. The hawk had only seven cents and fifteen cash in his possession, but he immediately proffered this amount as a peace offering. Instead of having the desired effect, however, it caused the policeman's grip to close the tighter on his prisoner, and the latter was charged before Mr. F. A. Hazell at the Magistrate's yesterday. On the charge of obstruction he was fined \$10, while a further fine of \$15 was inflicted on the charge of bribery.

THE TRUCK NUISANCE.

Mr. A. Course, traffic superintendent of the Tramway Co., proceeded against the driver of a truck owned by the Connaught Aerated Water Company, of Queen's Road East, before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistrate's yesterday for obstructing a tramcar in Des Voeux Road Central. It would appear that the trucks belonging to this Company sit on the tram lines, and that great difficulty is experienced in removing them when a tram is approaching. When the case was concluded yesterday Mr. Course pressed for a heavy penalty on the ground that the Tramway Company had experienced considerable trouble with the trucks of the defendant Company. His Worship fined the driver \$20, the alternative being one month's imprisonment.

BIG OPIUM SEIZURE AT MANILA.

A big opium seizure has been made in Manila. No less than 450 kilos of opium, valued at P. 14,000, were found in a boiler which had been taken over from Hongkong for alterations. The Hongkong police apparently got to learn of this attempt to smuggle the opium and cabled to Manila, but the Manila customs were searching five days before they discovered it. In fact it was not the custom house officers but the employees of the Taylor machine works who made the discovery. By way of preparing for the drilling of larger holes in the boiler, they unscrewed a plug in one of the columns and there they found it.

THE CHINESE RAILWAY LOANS.

The following telegram from Peking was published in New York on the 9th ult.: "Considerable surprise is expressed by the European bankers here at advice received from London to the effect that the American bankers have refused the compromise offered to them—namely, participation to the extent of one-quarter in the part of the Szechuan Railway loan set aside for the Hupoh section in lieu of participation in the Hankow-Canton line. It is understood that the American refusal came from Washington. Hitherto it has not been believed that the Americans would insist upon participation in the Hankow-Canton Railway in view of the manner in which they relinquished their claims in 1904. The European bankers to-day renewed their efforts to induce China to sign the original loan agreement. The firmness of the Chinese Government has impressed the parties involved. The attention of the bankers was called to the embarrassment which would result if China was led into a false position."

LORD WILLIAM CECIL AND HONGKONG'S UNIVERSITY SCHEME.

The following letter has appeared in *The Times*: "Sir,—I see your Correspondent at Tokyo falls foul of me and blames me when he ought to praise me. He accuses me of not having inquired into the Hongkong University scheme: I did inquire most fully into it when I was in China, and I may even say that one of the features that he praises in that scheme originated in a suggestion of the Bishop's, which suggestion I think I may claim credit of having in my turn made to him, and that suggestion was that Christian schools should be attached to the University. But your Correspondent is wrong in saying that the Hongkong University is undenominational; it is, or was at least when I was in China, un-Christian, not undenominational, and that is the essential difference between the scheme of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge and the Hongkong scheme."

The University scheme, which is not the scheme of the Emergency Committee, though they express every sympathy with it, is a scheme to erect a University exactly on the lines of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge—namely, a University composed of many colleges which could represent the various bodies now working in the cause of education in China. This scheme is Christian and undenominational, half of the committee being in sympathy with the Church of England and half with Nonconformist Churches; it has on its committee a number of leading residents at Oxford and Cambridge and is essentially the product of Oxford and Cambridge. It is in no way in competition with the Hongkong University; it is to be started in the Mandarin-speaking part of China, some six to ten days' journey away from Hongkong. I think your readers will probably find a big map of China very necessary at the present time, and if that map marks the districts in which the various languages are spoken they will understand the isolated condition of Kwangtung, and of Hongkong, which is an island on its south coast, and a University there can no more satisfy the needs of China than the University at Tokyo. In the same way, though in a lesser degree, the University at Shanghai is not well placed for though they speak a dialect of the Mandarin language, they do not speak the pure Mandarin. A University to benefit China must be started in the centre of China—that vast district where the true language of China is spoken."

Your Correspondent accuses me of not having sought information from people who were well informed. I can only say that I think there was hardly any person who knew anything of education, both Chinese and English, in the Mandarin district of whom I did not in some way or another make inquiries. The Chinese were most encouraging to our proposed University. His Excellency Chang-Chih-Tung, His Excellency Tsung-Fang, His Excellency Liang-Ten-Sun, His Excellency Tong-Shao-Yi, and many others, Viceroy and Governors in various parts of China, gave me a great deal of excellent advice. I went over many schools and made every inquiry of both Western and Eastern who were teaching in those schools, and the result of those inquiries was to confirm what Chinese experts in England had told the committee, who sent me out—namely (1) that a University to influence China must be started in the district where the true language or Mandarin is spoken; (2) that there was now no bitter feeling against Christianity. The Chinese are essentially a tolerant race and can in their history point to many examples of that toleration, and they will now treat Christianity with perfect toleration, as, indeed, they have treated Mahomedism and Buddhism, but though the days of the persecutions of Christianity are apparently over there is an ever-increasing anti-foreign movement going on in China, and therefore any University flying any flag but the Chinese must sooner or later be in great difficulties with regard to pupils; (3) the great danger that is before China, in the opinion of all observers, both Western and Chinese, is the development of the extreme and dangerous revolutionary party."

I placed this and a great deal of other information before the Oxford Cambridge Committee, and I hope that it will assist them in the great task that they have set themselves to do—namely, to organize an efficient University in the centre of China.

In conclusion, may I wish good luck to the Hongkong University and express a hope that their work in the Kwangtung district and our work in Central China may be able to co-operate together in this one great object.—Yours obediently, WILLIAM GASCOYNE-CECIL.

Hatfield, Herts, July 6th.

THE MURDER OF SIR CURZON WYLLIE.

Two brothers of Madha Lao Dhringa, who shot Sir W. Curzon Wyllie, arrived at Simla recently. They saw the Viceroy's secretary, to whom they expressed the family's extreme shame and horror at the murder of Sir Curzon Wyllie. They begged Lord Minto to convey their sympathy to Lady Wyllie, and their feeling of abhorrence to the British nation. The family is convinced that Madha Lao was a tool in the hands of a conspiracy. His brothers say he was always eccentric. His father writes that he did his utmost to rescue him from India House and other malign influences.

COTTON-GROWING IN RUSSIA.

The Moscow Bureau Committee is taking steps to promote public interest in the scheme for raising Russia to the position of one of the great cotton-producing countries of the world. The project is based on the assumption that, provided the work of irrigation it carried out thoroughly, Turkestan and the Trans-Caspian provinces offer magnificent facilities for the cultivation of cotton. A sum of 250,000 has now been subscribed by manufacturers towards the cost of preliminary work in connection with the irrigation, and it is suggested that the province of Fergana offers most favourable conditions for cotton-planting. The Government naturally favours the enterprise, in the hope that it may be possible for Russia to reduce her indebtedness abroad by means of exports of cotton, and to render herself entirely independent of the United States as regards cotton.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C. & M. str. *Bubi* left Manila on the 1st inst., and is due here to-day at 4 p.m.
The C. & M. str. *Chenai* left Shanghai on the 1st inst., and is due here to-morrow.
The *Agnes*, from Calcutta left Shanghai on the 1st inst. morning, and may be expected here on or about the 6th inst.
The I.G.M. str. *Budion* carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 14th ult., left Colombo on the 31st ult. p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 11th inst.
The I.G.M. str. *Geben*, which left here on 30th ult. at 4 p.m., arrived at Shanghai on the 1st inst. at 3 a.m.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller has increased his donations to the General Education Board in America by a gift of £2,000,000, making a total contribution of £10,400,000.

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P. DE CHAMPORIN, Agent.

Hongkong, 2nd August, 1909. [2]

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Death of Mr. H. W. Fraser.

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Shipping Notes.

Diplomats in Peking.

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Company Meeting.

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China's Trade in 1908.

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T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 28th July, 1909. [1014]

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By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary. Hongkong, 20th July, 1909. [982]

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By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED. General Agents for the WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LTD. Hongkong, 20th July, 1909. [983]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE EIGHTY-SIXTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel Mansions, on TUESDAY, the 10th August, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, declaring a Dividend, and confirming the appointment of Directors; and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th July to the 10th August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, W. E. CLARKE, Secretary. Hongkong, 20th July, 1909. [984]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 21st day of August, 1909, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1909.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED on MONDAY, the 2nd August, to SATURDAY, the 21st August, 1909 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager. Hongkong, 31st July, 1909. [1028]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, Queen's Buildings, Connaught Road, on MONDAY, 23rd August, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1909.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 23rd August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, GEO. A. CALDWELL, Acting Secretary. Hongkong, 27th July, 1909. [1015]

THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

AND THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitions were on the 6th July, 1909, presented to the Supreme Court of Hongkong in its Original Jurisdiction by the above named Society and Company respectively to confirm the alterations of the said Society's and the said Company's respective objects proposed to be effected by Special Resolutions of the said Society and the said Company respectively, unanimously passed at Extraordinary General Meetings of the said Society and the said Company respectively held on the 21st April, 1909, and subsequently unanimously confirmed at further Extraordinary Meetings of the said Society and the said Company respectively held on the 7th May, 1909, and which Resolutions respectively run as follows:

"That the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Society (Company) be respectively extended, altered and amended so as to read as shown in the print signed for the purpose of identification by the Chairman of this Meeting and that such extended, altered and amended Memorandum and Articles of Association be henceforth adopted as the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Society (Company) to the exclusion of those heretofore prevailing."

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petitions are directed to be heard before His Honour Sir Francis Piggott, Chief Justice of the said Court, in fifteen days from this Date and any person interested in the said Society or the said Company, whether as creditor, policy-holder or otherwise, desirous to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said alteration under the Companies Ordinance 1865 should appear at the time of hearing by himself or by Counsel for the purpose of them, will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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C. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary to the said Society and the said Company.

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The production on a screen of photographic pictures in natural colours has been greatly simplified by the camera-stereopticon of Andrei Cheron, a French experimenter. All successful pictures of this kind so far have depended on the three-colour-process, in which three negatives are made under screens of the three primary colours, and the three pictures are in some way superposed or combined so as to be seen in a single view. The new apparatus is a small camera divided into three compartments of equal focus are placed in front of the compartments, and each is provided with an appropriate colour screen. With a lens of proper focus fitted into a ring that surrounds the three objectives, three different single-colour negatives of the same object are taken on a single plate. To project the views, a positive is inserted in place of the negative, a strong light is thrown upon the plate from behind, and a suitable lens in the ring around the three objectives concentrates and automatically superposes the three images on a projection screen. Though there is some slight blurring, the coloured pictures so obtained are brilliant and pleasing.

Ferro-silicon, now coming into extensive use as a ready means of adding silicon to certain grades of steel, is produced by heating in the electric furnace a mixture of iron ore, quartz, coke and lime. When wet it gives off much phosphoretted hydrogen, arsenuretted hydrogen and other gas, and the death of five Russian immigrants last December, while passengers in the stowage of a steamer from Antwerp to Grimsby, has been traced to poisonous emanations from a cargo of this material.

An arrangement of a ship's lights in a definite triangle on a known plan is urged by D. H. Shuttleworth-Brown as a safeguard against collision. The lights would then show an observer on another ship the vessel's course, her distance from the observer, and her approximate speed.

Not the least interesting of accidental discoveries is the new method of rapidly converting metals into ribbon form, which was hit upon by Mr. Gilbert, a British chemist, while seeking some way of making white-lead without handling. The molten metal is dropped upon a rapidly revolving drum filled with cold water, and from the surface of the drum it shoots out at the rate of twenty miles an hour as delicate silvery ribbon, 1/500 to 1/1,000 of an inch thick, so cooled that it can be caught in the hand. In this way metal ribbon can be produced at an expense of \$5,000 or \$10,000 a ton, or perhaps a twentieth of the cost of making zinc turnings by the old method. Numerous applications are expected, as ribbon of lead will take the place of lead shavings or turnings for packing joints and bearings and other purposes. Zinc ribbon will probably be useful in the cyanide treatment of gold ores, and in chemical analysis various metals will be brought into solution more quickly when first made into ribbon form.

A new dwelling proposed at the late hygienic congress in Berlin is to have each successive story narrowed from three to six feet, with several feet of balconies to widen the terraces thus formed. This plan, recommended particularly for sanatoriums and houses for the poor people, provides an abundance of air and light for each story, and supplies an open space for buildings of this kind, reinforced concrete has hygienic and other advantages.

The United States is wearing down at the average rate of one inch in 760 years. This result is computed from twenty years of stream gauging and water analysis by the Geological Survey, the Engineer Corps of the Army, and the Weather Bureau, supplemented by some state and municipal work. The streams carry off each year an average of 87 tons of dissolved solids and 166 tons of suspended matter for each square mile of surface—equivalent to a total of 27,000,000 tons of dissolved and 513,000,000 tons of suspended matter.

Fatigue has been shown to be a poisoning of the body through the accumulation of waste products under certain conditions, and some twenty years ago Prof. Mosso, of Turin, found that the illness sometimes following the eating of the flesh of game or cattle is due to over-fatigue of the animals at the time of slaughter. The active agent was found to be a specific toxin, instead of an alkaloid, like the strychnine and brucine produced by plants. The toxin was isolated by Dr. Weichert, and proved to act as an antitoxine in small injections, while large injections produced the symptoms of fatigue, followed by death. A firm of German chemists has now produced an antidote for fatigue by a simpler method than extracting it from fatigued muscles. When albumen is broken up by heating ten hours with very dilute nitric acid, one of the products gives the physiological effects of fatigue, and long heating or boiling destroys this poison, yielding a substance that neutralizes its action. The antitoxine is separated by dialyzing through a porous membrane and extracting with acetone. It may be injected into the body, and is claimed to neutralize fatigue, preventing injurious effects.

The introduction of magazine rifles into the army is said to have ended the custom of using the rifle as a telephone by placing the muzzle to the ground and listening at the breech for the

movement of distant cavalry. A new apparatus on the same principle as the acoustole of M. Mariel, a French inventor. This is a trumpet-shaped tube a yard or more high, enclosing a central cone, and it is claimed to be so sensitive that the tick of a watch can be heard several hundred yards away. In listening for sounds through the earth, it is best placed in a special hole.

The eighth satellite of Jupiter, discovered at the Greenwich Observatory in January of last year, proves remarkable not only for being so far from the planet but also for its very eccentric orbit, its distance from Jupiter varying from about 10,000,000 to 20,000,000 miles. It revolves around the planet in about twenty-six of our months.

COMPULSORY SERVICE.

LORD ROBERTS' PL N.

The following account of the debate in the House of Lords on Lord Roberts' appeal to the nation to strengthen its military forces is taken from a London contemporary.

The House of Lords this evening was the scene of an important debate on the question whether all the young men of the country should be compelled to serve in the Territorial Force.

The importance of the occasion was manifested by the appearance of the House when the proceedings began at half-past four. Not only were most of the seats benches fully occupied, but up above in the narrow gallery which runs along each side of the House there were lines of blue and grey and white stood out in vivid and pleasant contrast against the dark oak panelling behind them. In the Diplomatic Gallery keen-eyed Japanese gentlemen sat listening attentively to every word. Down on the steps of the throne Privy Counsellors and sons of Peers helped to make up an unusually large audience. Lord Lucas, the Under-Secretary for War, sat by the side of Lord Crewe; Lord Rosebery was on the cross benches near Lord Roberts.

Among others present were Lord Morley of Blackburn, Lord Curzon, Lord Milner, Lord Grey, Lord Salisbury, the Duke of Bedford, Lord Beauchamp, the Duke of Wellington, Lord Lamington, Lord Waldegrave, Lord Northcliffe, Lord Ellenborough, Lord Alton, Lord MacDonnell, Lord Westmoreland, Lord Portsmouth, Lord Ribblesdale, Lord Raglan, Lord Carrington, Lord Newton, Lord Hertford, Lord Hardwick, Lord Penrhyn, the Bishop of Oxford.

The business of the day was presided by appreciative references to the late Lord Esher, made by Lord Crewe and Lord Lansdowne, as representing the two sides of the House.

LORD ROBERTS.

It was about twenty minutes to five when Lord Roberts stepped alertly from the cross benches to the opposition side of the table in order to move the second reading of his National Service (Training and Home Defence) Bill. The Bill imposes on all male subjects resident in the Territorial Force between the ages of eighteen and thirty. Liability to training is limited, however, to four years, normally the first four years of the term, but in exceptional cases the second to the fifth year, or the third to the sixth year. Liability to attend on command, that is in the case of imminent national danger, remains exactly as with the Territorial Force. No person can buy his discharge or procure any kind of exemption by means of a money payment.

With clear voice Lord Roberts made his lucid, soldierly explanations to the House. "Our present system," he said, "fails to provide a force to deal with the serious military problems that confront us in various parts of the Empire or with the defence of the United Kingdom. Our Regular Army was as good, if not better, than any army in the world, but he pointed out that it was as numerically inadequate. "There are the gravest doubts whether we could at this moment send over-seas a force of more than 100,000 men—leaving little else in this country than a number of recruits, under nineteen and twenty years of age."

His proposed scheme might not give us a perfect Army, but it would at least in the course of a few years provide us with a million men adequately trained, well disciplined, and able to use their rifles with effect. Lord Roberts appealed to the Peers to study the question themselves, and not to pass by his words as "early Victorian." More than once the veteran field-marshal brought his fist down with emphasis on the table, and he was repeatedly encouraged with warm cheers.

The Duke of Norfolk, head of one of the most famous English families, rose to second the proposal. "Play the day never come," he exclaimed, "when the piteous cry, 'Too late,' is heard through England." There was much applause at his side. Then, from his side, rose the Duke of Northumberland, head of another great and famous family, to condemn the Bill. He spoke of the danger of throwing a large number of young men of all classes together at an impressionable age in the "barrack room, barrack square, and canteen." "Have any of your lordships had sons to look after at eighteen or nineteen?" he asked.

ESTIMATE OF THE COST.

Lord Middleton (the former War Secretary) declared that unless we could change the whole sentiment of the country, we should be forced to pay good wages to those whom we compelled to serve against their will. Their lordships would be taking a great responsibility if, against the military opinion of the trusted advisers of the Government, they proceeded by the House of Commons the duty of finding an extra £5,000,000 for a system with regard to which there were so many doubts.

WAR OFFICE REPLY.

Lord Lucas, the Under-Secretary for War, then rose to give the opinion of the Government. The cost would be more than the £4,000,000 or £5,000,000 estimated by the National Service League. The method of training suggested would disorganize the labour market and create problems of unemployment which it would take all the ingenuity of the Tariff Reform League to solve. "Hopelessly costly and hopelessly unwarrantable," was how the Under-Secretary summed up the scheme.

"You are discussing the question of home defence in its narrowest sense against inveterate defence in its widest sense. The military forces of the Empire amounted to 1,200,000 men, and, excluding India, the troops liable to serve outside their own particular countries were 416,000. The 'striking force' which we could send abroad would shortly be 166,000 men."

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